

Phangazine

Winter 2025 Edition





Rain, snow, wind, and the new year! Is it winter already? 2024 has come to a close and left us uncertain about what 2025 could bring for us and our communities. As a large part of the world grew colder and darker, so too did our thoughts and hopes for the future. Many of us are thinking about what all of this means on an individual level and what we can do to change things for the collective.

As winter (and the horrifying weight of the direction this world is going) causes all of us to burrow into our own little caves, it's important for us to remember that this darkness is only temporary! Sooner than we expect, the sun will peek out from the gray blanket of clouds to melt the snow. By persevering, we can bring about the energy and power needed to make change. We must take care of each other in our own circles until then to keep everyone prepared for what may come!

Introduced in our previous issue, Phangazine now has three versions: English, Spanish, and English audiobook! All are on our website now! While you're over there, did you notice that we also created an audience feedback form? Do you want to see something included in our zine? Do you have questions about our process or submissions? Do you just want to privately sing our praises or tell us what we're doing wrong? Please fill out the form on our website and social media, and questions will be answered on Twitter and Tumblr (@phangazine) for everyone to see!

The staff would like to thank each and every one of you for your support, and again a massive thank you to all the artists, writers, graphic designers, and translators that made the issue you're currently reading possible! If this installment gets your creative Dan and Phil juices flowing, see how you can submit for our next ANNIVERSARY issue in our finishing thoughts at the end of the issue!

We are honored to bring you our fourth (!) issue of the Phangazine, warmed and bundled up for winter!

-The Phangazine Staff

Happy Birthday



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I Just Want to be a Part of Your Family

By Aimee (@wokinghambear)

Kath leans against the doorframe, a soft smile upon her face as she watches her youngest son get all bundled up in his thick, winter's coat, pulling fluffy mittens onto his hands and a pair of reindeer antlers atop his head.

Excitement is buzzing through him, she can tell from the way his feet bounce against the wooden floor and his hands struggle to zip up his coat before Dan steps in to help, zipping Phil's coat up to his chin and adjusting the antlers while Phil reaches forward to do the same to Dan's fluffy trapper hat.

"And don't be too long boys, dinner will be ready soon!"

The front door is slammed shut as she watches the pair of them run out to the driveway, Phil clutching the camera they're using to capture this new Christmas video project he had been gushing over for the past few days. She watches how Phil passes the camera to Dan. Dan who is currently looking at her boy with the softest of smiles on his face as he points the camera towards Phil's direction, following along with the many ideas that she wouldn't doubt for a second are coming out of Phil's mouth in an excited ramble. Kath's heart can't help but warm to the sight.

Time passes by in a blur and Kath finds herself sat at the dining table, a roast dinner plated up in front of her and her four boys happily chatting amongst themselves— Nigel, her dear husband, Martyn her eldest, Phil her youngest and Dan, who Kath, unbeknownst to Phil, is secretly hoping is going to stick around for awhile as she had already grown quite fond of him.

"Dan and I were wondering if you could play a small role in our Interactive Christmas Adventure?" Phil had asked, cheekiness radiating off them both like children.

Kath's face couldn't help but turn up into a smile at that question whilst Phil continued, arms expressing his anticipation,

"You'll be playing an Ice Demon that lives in an Ice Cave where the viewers will either have the opportunity to give you coffee, so that you can melt, or we throw Dan towards you as if he's, like, a Pokémon ball to try and attack you!"

Kath adored listening away to her boy and his ever-so creative ideas, eyes skimming between his face, eyebrows raised eagerly and a larger-than-life smile up to his cheekbones, a Dan once again at his shoulder whose big, brown eyes looked into her own, nodding both attentively and eagerly to Phil's words. She knew that whatever it takes, she would be there to look out for this boy, for however long he's around, for however long Phil allows her to.

Even when she finds herself dressed in a blue tinsel boa, Aviator sunglasses and Phil's plaid-print cat ears atop her head, playing the role of "Ice Demon", she hoped that Dan was here to stay. For Phil's sake. Obviously.



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Snowed In

By Lin (@AnironSidh)

The trip away seemed like a good idea. Time away from London before the next tour leg, no obligations, no prying eyes, just Dan and Phil and a cozy cabin. Cornelia had recommended the place as perfectly romantic and alone, with a look in her eyes that likely spelled mischief.

Theirs was one of a few cabins tucked away, enough space that any neighbors would remain well out of sight. Snow covered every surface and still fell in gentle flakes.

"If you fall, I'm not picking you up, Phil," Dan warned, lugging a suitcase behind him through the snow while his partner was far busier running through it like an overexcited child. He'd managed to sufficiently bundle Phil up before setting out, though the Doomed hat looked out of place alongside the snow gloves and a warm sweater.

By the time he'd dropped the suitcase inside and briefly checked over the place before returning outside, Phil had begun a rather lumpy snowman.

"Fun fact, it hasn't snowed like this in 300 years," Phil said, stepping away and looking over.

Dan rolled his eyes, though a fond smile still spread across his face. "There's absolutely no way that's true, Phil."

"It is!"

"If this is another of your northern anecdotes, I swear to god-". He'd never be tired of them, as much as he pretended to be annoyed each time (hamming it up for videos of course). Sometimes he wondered if Phil was making them up just to see what would happen.

Phil huffed, though with little real annoyance. "I saw it on the weather app on the way here, really! Now c'mon, help me with this snowman, please?"

Dan glanced at the somewhat rounded pile of snow, up to Phil's giddy face, then sighed as he pulled on his winter gloves to begin rolling snow. Phil produced a carrot and sticks from some hiding place and carefully placed them on the snowman. In his concentration, he didn't seem to notice his tongue poking out from the corner of his mouth, though Dan noted it to himself.

They stepped away and Dan immediately laughed. "We're so bad at this, it looks like our Sims made it! Phil? Phil!" It had been quiet for too long, so Dan turned around.





Just in time to get a snowball to the face. A laugh erupted out of Phil as the snow fell away, cut off when Dan crouched down to gather his own projectile. Phil yelped when it hit the back of his neck only to whip around with another snowball ready.

By the time they stopped to catch their breath lying next to each other, the snow had soaked through clothes meant for traveling rather than romping about.

"We should head in before we get sick," Dan murmured. Phil sat up, pressed a (albeit icy) kiss to his forehead, and reached down to pull him up.

With their clothes hung up over the shower bar, warm (and most importantly dry) pajamas on, and hot cocoa steaming away, Dan settled into Phil's side on the rug in front of the fireplace.

"I feel like we're in a cheesy holiday movie," he commented, stretching out his legs towards the warm fire. "I also don't know how you managed to light a fire without catching yourself."

"It would be Phil is on fire then."

Dan muttered, "You dork."

"The fireplace is automatic or something," Phil added, "so I think we're safe? Probably."

The fire crackled away, the two of them sitting in comfortable silence with only the sound of hot cocoa being drunk and Phil's occasional humming of their tour song. Dan knew it to be his way of remembering it to prevent any onstage flubs.

Even if performing was where Dan thrived, Phil lit up all the same in front of their fans in a way Dan rarely saw.

"I'm glad we did this," he murmured, tucking himself into Phil's side further until they were nearly attached, "just us, as much as I love the fans and our team..."

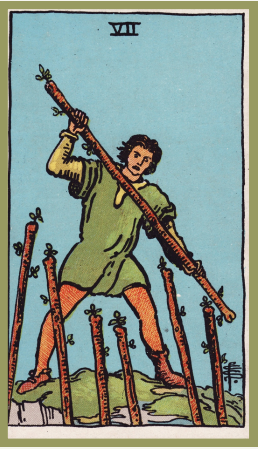
"Me too," Phil replied with a happy sigh. "I like having rat time, just me and you."

Dan snorted. They'd been through a lot, three world tours together and many different apartments, but some things, like this, would remain constant no matter how much time might pass. Another fifteen years and they would still have each other, a home to return to at the end of the day. Always just Dan and Phil against the world indeed.

WHATS IN YOUR 2025?

HOROSCOPES

THE GAY ALIEN BABY KNOWS ALL!



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SEVEN OF WANDS

The seven of wands depicts a young man engaged in a scuffle against six wands. He himself holds one, and stands defiantly, defending himself. If you are a Virgo, Taurus, or Capricorn, you may be in a similar situation this year. When presented with conflict, this card tells you to continue persevering and staying true to your own beliefs. Although it may be difficult, advocating for yourself is important. Take control, keep fighting, and never give up.

QUEEN OF WANDS

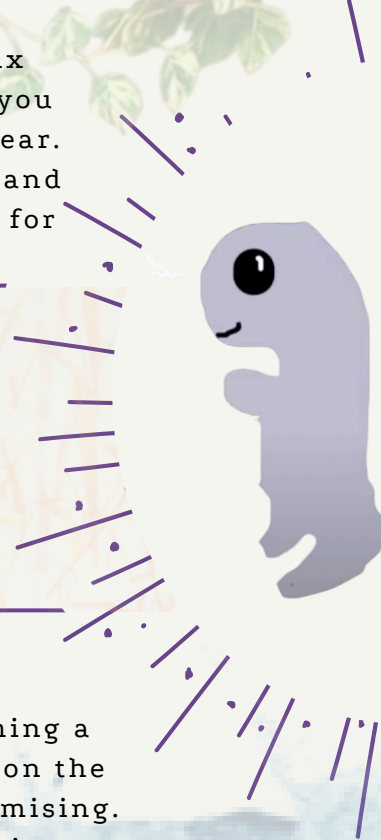
The queen of wands depicts a regal woman on a throne, holding a staff and accompanied by a black cat. She represents the epitome of poise and confidence. If you are an Aries, Leo, or Sagittarius, she reminds you to find those traits within yourself. Everyone has moments of self-doubt, but you truly do have the potential to be sociable, charismatic, and in charge. Don't forget your self worth! Be yourself!

TEN OF CUPS

The ten of cups showcases a couple embracing each other and welcoming a rainbow decorated with ten golden cups. Two children dance together on the right. If you are a Cancer, Pisces, or Scorpio, your 2025 seems very promising. This card represents contentment and joy, signifying a positive change in your life. If this seems unlikely, don't lose hope! Happiness is in your future, despite what you may think.

PAGE OF PENTACLES

The page of pentacles showcases a man gently holding up a golden coin. He seems transfixed by it. If you are a Gemini, Aquarius, or Libra, your 2025 seems to bring the potential of wealth and opportunity. But not so fast! A certain amount of determination is needed to maximize this potential. This card reminds you to never lose focus on your goals and to continue developing your skills. Although it may seem arduous, working hard will reward you.



HOW TO MAKE
Christmas Cookies



INS AND OUTS

BY BECKY AND JESSICA

OUTS

INS



STAR TREK
NATURAL HAIR
CRAYONS
LESBIAN BOYFRIENDS
GLITTER
DIET PEPSI
BLAMING YOUR DAD
BAGPIPES
CAPES
SLEEPING LIKE A BABY
EGGS
CONFIDENCE
BIG FOREHEADS
BALLET FLATS
CHANGE PURSES
TALKING TO STRANGERS ON THE ELEVATOR
NEGOTIATION
BLEACHED EYEBROWS
BRUSSEL SPROUTS
METROLINK
LIBRARY CARDS

CASHEWS
WIRED BRAS
LUNCHLY
STEM DEGREES
SPARKLES
GRAMMAR POLICE
SHAVING
BRACELETS
TRENCHCOATS
OZEMPIC
HOT DOGS
FILLER WORDS
CYBER TRUCKS
FEEDING THY HOMUNCULI
PNEUMONIA
MARK ZUCKERBERG
CHATGPT
STARBUCKS
REALLY THICK GLASSES
PLAID
THE CONCEPT OF A PEBBLE



↖ jessica!
(me!)

becky
(me) ↖



PHISTORY LESSON!

A glimpse into the archives... By Sol Alvarez

INTERACTIVE CHRISTMAS ADVENTURE - START HERE!

AmazingPhil 107 videos



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AmazingPhil | December 27, 2009 | 3,455 likes, 472 dislikes

Help us on our quest to save lioness and defeat evil Santa Bear!!!

Dan's channel: <http://www.youtube.com/danisonfire>

Go subscribe to him as he has helped me make this entire video and spent 80120 hours editing. :] Thank you dan!!

Music by

Tom Milsom - Available on iTunes: <http://itunes.apple.com/us/artist/tom...>

Kevin Macleod - incompetech.com

Daniel Nino - myspace.com/danielnino

Hope you all had a Happy Christmas !

Me and lion will see you in 2010

x

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Entertainment

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interactive adventure amazingphil danisonfire lion lioness evil bear snow demon christmas yinteractive

December 2009...

Dan and Phil had a camera, their first Christmas together, and a dream.

Interactive Christmas Adventure is the second of Phil's interactive video adventures, and the third project Dan and Phil worked on together. It follows Dan, Phil, and Lion as they try to save Lionness from the evil Santa-Bear who kidnaps her and vows to destroy Christmas.

The adventure takes several twists and turns, including seven possible death endings, and forty special "prize" videos after the true ending.

This was made possible with YouTube's video annotations system, which was sadly removed in 2019. Additionally, in 2021, YouTube automatically set all unlisted videos uploaded before 2017 to private. Because of these changes, the Interactive Adventure is no longer playable via Phil's channel.

This video is a clear testament to Dan and Phil's creativity and passion for storytelling. It was filmed a mere two months after they had first met, but it's already clear they had shining careers ahead of them with their charismatic on-screen chemistry.

Although the original adventure is now broken, it lives on in reuploads and digital archives. Try it today and see which endings you get! ❄️

PHUN PHACTS!

❄️ Dan and Phil filmed the videos on December 24, but it took them a few days to edit; the main video was uploaded December 27.

❄️ 31 of the "prize" videos were chosen from submissions Phil's Dailybooth followers sent in.

❄️ This was Dan's second time being on the AmazingPhil channel!



ADVENTURE MAP!

based off a flowchart by amazingdan on tumblr



SOUND BARRIER

en la vereda del sol — serú girán
resistance — muse
slow down — low roar
christmas adventure — danandphilBEATS
is it cold in the water? — moses sumney
winter baby / new jersey blues — 070 shake
seabird — innovations
shadowboxer — fiona apple
she's a robot — the brobecks
not the same anymore — the strokes
kiss from a rose — seal
stressed — doechii
party 4 u — charli xcx
oh hanukkah — jack black



1. Lions can weigh up to 250kg, or 551 pounds!

2. Phil's Lion is canonically bisexual!

3. Lionesses do most of the hunting!

4. Phil's Lion is a Takenoko Joyful Mate

lion sent by a fan in Japan!

5. Lions are the only species of cat that roar together!

6. Lioness was once kidnapped by the evil Santa bear.

7. A lion's roar can reach 114 decibels, louder than a typical car horn!

8. No two lions have the same whiskers.

9. Phil's Lion does not like soup for dinner.

11. Lions sleep for about 20 hours a day!

10. A lion pride consists of 10 to 15 lions.

12. A lion can jump three times higher than a human. Woah!

13. Arjun, the world's oldest lion, lived to be 26-29 years old!

14. Phil's Lion can pass the mirror test...but just barely.

15. Lions are able to climb trees!

Not well, though.

16. A lion's tongue is rough enough to scrape meat off the bone.

17. Lions' heels don't hit the ground when they walk.

18. Phil's Lion is allergic to moths.

20. A fully grown lion can run up to 50mph.

19. Only half of a lion's diet comes from hunting—the other half comes from scavenging!

22. Lions used to live in Europe, but those species became extinct long ago.

21. Lions have excellent night vision.

24. Four countries have lions on their flags: Spain, Fiji, Sri Lanka, and Montenegro.

23. Lions are present in 28 of Aesop's fables.

25. A lion's mane gets darker as they age.

27. Most lions are polygamous. Except for Phil's Lion, who's been going steady with Lioness for over 16 years!

26. Phil's Lion has twelve children.

28. Phil's Lion is the only male lion to fit inside a shoe.

29. Lion cubs are originally born with a spotted fur pattern to easier disguise themselves in tall grass.

30. Lions often hunt at night or during bad weather because they know their prey won't be able to hear or see them coming!

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Fun Facts About
Lion(s) for Phil's
38th

31. Not only do lionesses do most of the hunting, but they also do all of the childrearing together!

32. Lion cubs are all born around the same time, so they are all protected and raised by the lionesses.

33. There are 9 lions in private ownership in England (not including Lion!).

34. The British coat of arms has three lions on it!

36. Within a lion pride, all lionesses are actually related!

37. Very few, if any, male lions are related in a pride, as they are encouraged to leave once they are adults to create their own pride.

35. A lioness can have up to 6 cubs in a litter.

38. Prior to YouTube removing the annotations feature in 2019, viewers could sometimes read Lion's live commentary on certain AmazingPhil videos through annotations!



From Party Hats to Worldwide Project: How the Phandom United in #PhilsBirthdayProject

By Heather (@CheriCakeCreate)

If you're reading this zine, chances are you already know who Phil is. But just in case you're living under a Wi-Fi-less rock, let me fill you in. Phil's journey began in 2006 when, as a 19-year-old with a webcam and a spark of creativity, he uploaded his first video, Phil's Video Blog - 27th March 2006. Today, that humble debut has over 1.5 million views, and little did Phil know that one video would set the stage for a friendship with a young viewer named Daniel Howell. Together, Phil and Dan would go on to form one of YouTube's most iconic duos, cementing their legacy with a mix of humor, chaos, and heart that's captivated fans for over a decade.

But Phil's accomplishments don't stop at YouTube! Over the years, he's racked up over 9 million subscribers across his channels, hosted live shows, voice-acted for Disney, created two games, hosted a radio show with BBC Radio 1, co-authored two best-selling books, co-launched a merchandise business, and toured three stage productions worldwide—all while earning numerous awards along the way. It's fair to say that Phil lives up to his online branding as AmazingPhil.

But it hasn't all been smooth sailing. After their second tour, Interactive Introverts, Dan announced he needed a break to focus on his mental health. That marked the "hiatus era," where Phil carried their joint content alone. After a few years of the two doing solo projects, Phil convinced Daniel to return to their joint gaming channel DanAndPhilGAMES on October 15th, 2023, and fans lost their collective minds!

Upon seeing the excitement and demand for content, the pair continued to make videos, even reviving their old April Fool's channel DanAndPhilCRAFTS and commissioning artists to create music under their latest brand, DanAndPhilBEATS. During this revival, Phil expressed his desire to tour with Dan again, and that's exactly where we are in the timeline. The duo are currently in the UK with their third stage production, hilariously named Terrible Influence Tour (or TIT... yes, they know what they did there).

Throughout the 15 years the duo have been together, they have celebrated each other's birthdays in the most on-brand ways possible. Phil gives us sweet photo tributes of Dan on social media, showing us his favorite photos of his friend from that year. Dan, meanwhile, orders Phil custom cakes with designs that range from "hilarious" to "nightmare fuel." One probably made Phil's parents question their life choices.

(No seriously, what is a Philussy?)

Last year, the duo turned their birthdays into charity events, live-streaming on their gaming channel to raise over \$223,600 for the Palestine Children's Relief Fund. Fans were most likely anticipating a livestream on Phil's birthday this year; however, as previously mentioned, Dan and Phil are currently touring the UK. This year, Phil is spending his 38th birthday in Manchester, performing onstage for his fans. Originally not even a tour date, a second night in Manchester was added because of overwhelming demand.

That's when a member of the Phandom known as Heather had an idea: if Phil was spending his birthday with us on stage, why not make it a birthday Phil will never forget? And thus, #PhilsBirthdayProject was created on Twitter. Fans across the world have banded together to organize various surprises, and if history is any indicator, it's going to be nothing short of epic!

Heather and Lyssa are here to share their story of how a small idea grew into a worldwide project, the challenges they faced, and how it strengthened their bond with each other and the Phandom community.

Q: Why did you put this together?

H: I just wanted to do something nice for Phil since he was spending his birthday on stage, which he didn't need to do. I knew the livestream probably wouldn't go ahead, so I wanted to give the Phandom a place to show their appreciation on his birthday.

L: Heather was drowning and I decided to jump in and help by making the document and forms. We didn't know each other before any of this, and now we're best friends!

H: Without the Internet, we never would have met!

Q: How did you come up with the ideas?

L: We let people share their ideas in our Discord group, and then everyone voted in a poll. We also wanted to make sure we had online projects so people around the world could take part. A lot of the ideas were from the community, so it wouldn't have happened without them.

H: We are surprising Phil with party hats, a signed card, a seal-related surprise, an online card, and a video! Wait... He's not gonna see this, right?

Q: Would you do this again?

H: Yeah, we plan to do this for Dan's birthday! I look forward to the future of The Phandom Projects Group!

L: If enough are interested, then we will be going ahead with that. I mean as long as I'm friends with Heather, I don't think I have a choice!

H: Nope, you're stuck with me now! And as for this, I'd go as far as say, this was the most fun I've ever had!

L: You're so cringe.

Q: Can we still get involved?

H: Sure, we still have the online card open for anyone to sign!

L: If you scan the QR code, you can write a message to Phil, maybe include a cute picture or a gif too!

H: Also follow @PhanProjects on Twitter and join the Discord using the link in the pinned tweet! We'd love for more people to join us for our future projects! I will also be at the show in Manchester, so if you want to help me there, please get in touch on Twitter or email phandomprojects@gmail.com!



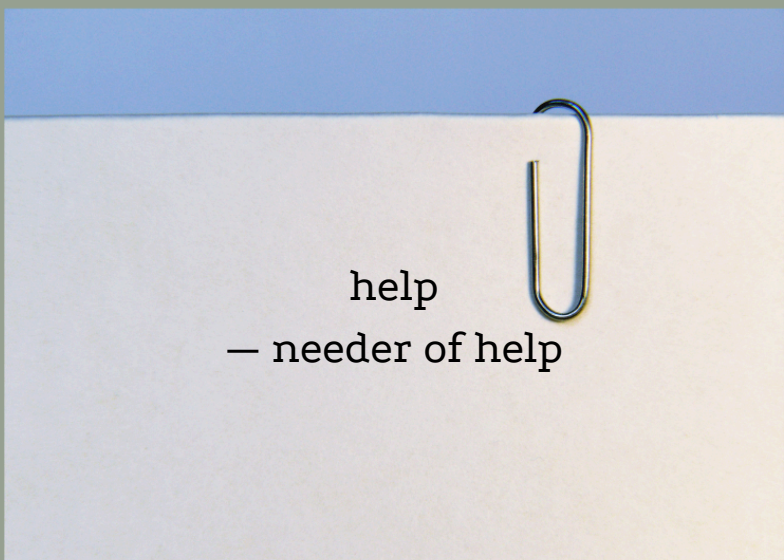
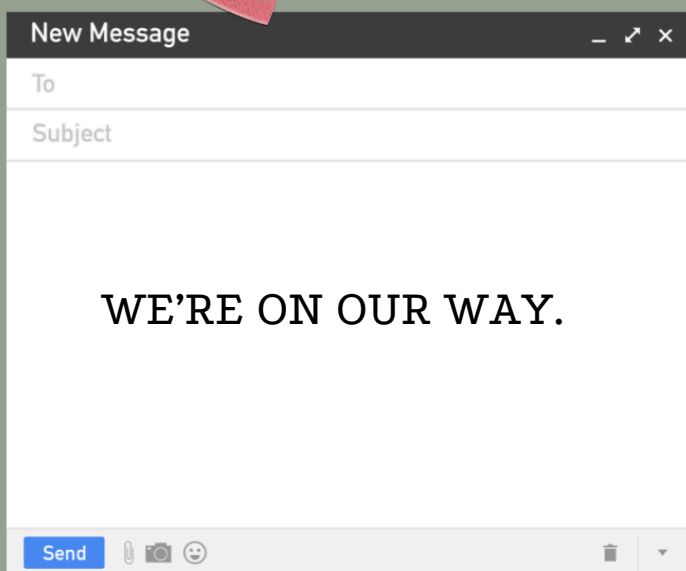
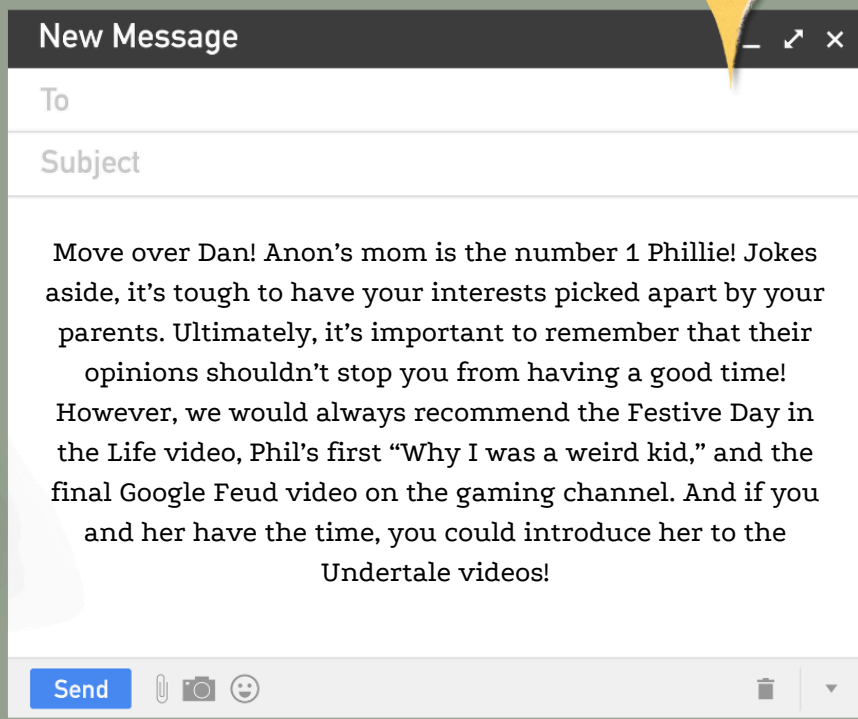
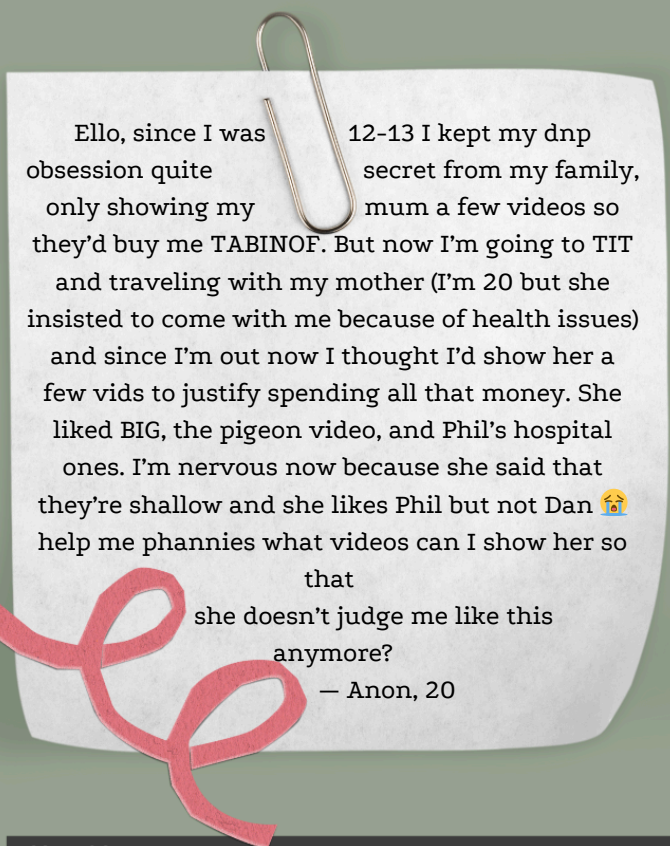
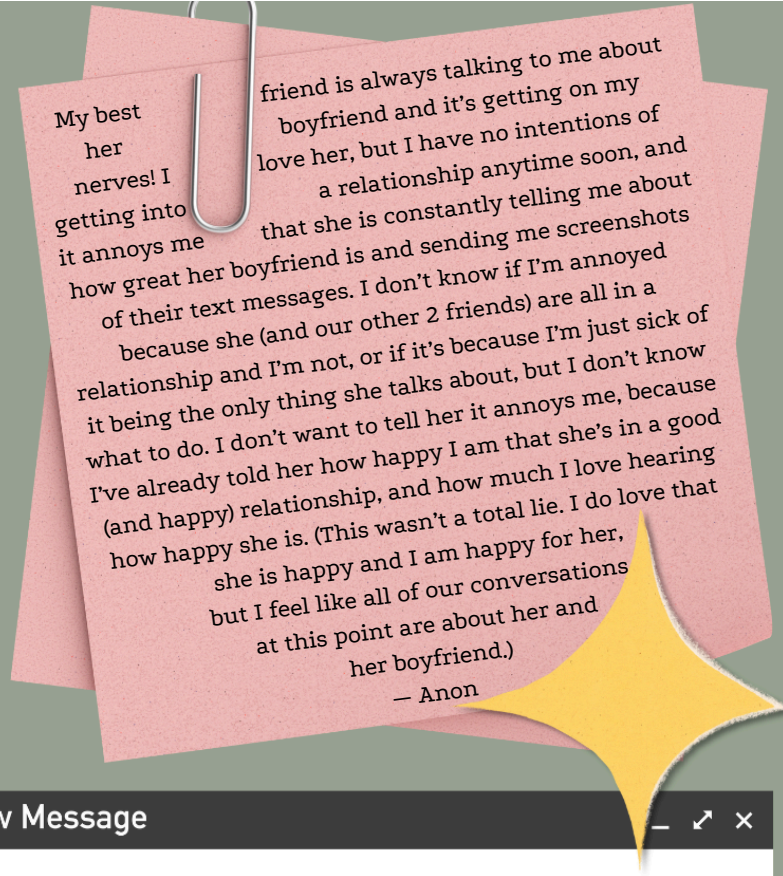
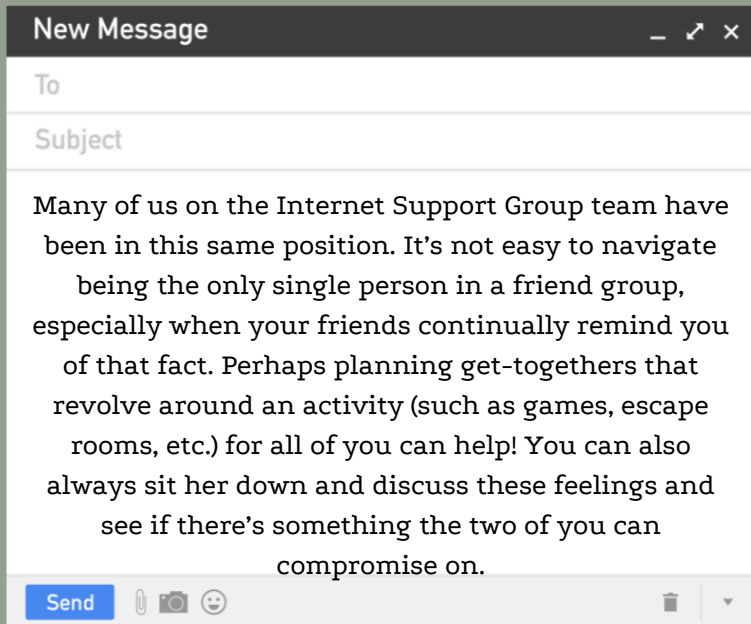


you wanna clean up yet?

...not yet



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Phandom Gives

Using the Magic of the Internet For Good

This community is responsible for so much good in this world, and since its inception back in 2018 [Phandom Gives](#) has tried to be a part of that. Supporting six different charities over 16 drives, we've raised over £77,000 (or \$96,000), and that number grows quite literally every day! All drives are done securely through the [JustGiving](#) platform with funds going directly to the charity itself; charities are chosen based on Dan and Phil's endorsements, or by their direct request when possible.



Our biannual charity drives are about giving back to the community as well. We offer giveaways like fanworks commissions by your favourite phandom creators, and thanks to our generous relationship with IRL, who donate prizes on a regular basis, we're able to offer exciting prizes like video shoutouts, autographed items, polaroids, and other phandom rarities!

Join us on our social media (@phandomgives) for amazing games, trivia, and just the general community excitement of a phandom celebration; no donation required! Just sharing in the activities, reblogging the drives, or joining in our watch parties, hosted by [PhandomWatch](#), is a great way to support some truly incredible causes. There's nothing quite like getting to watch a Dan and Phil video along with other fans while you're screaming in the chat!

For Phil's 38th birthday, Phandom Gives is again supporting [AKT, or the Albert Kennedy Trust](#). AKT specializes in assisting young LGBTQ+ people ages 16-25 facing homelessness or a hostile environment with safety in crisis, emergency accommodations, specialist support, and in gaining skills that can help them achieve their life goals.

HOW YOU CAN GET INVOLVED!

- Donate to the current charity drive! <https://www.justgiving.com/page/phil38>
- Donate at least £5 and your social media handle to be automatically entered into our giveaways!
- Follow us on social media @phandomgives on Twitter, Tumblr, Instagram, and Bluesky
- Share the drive on social media, or even irl with friends and family using the link or QR code



Phandom Gives's
JustGiving Page



WINTER WORD SEARCH! ★



DIRECTIONS:

Find the words written below. They can be horizontal, vertical, and diagonal. For an added challenge, some words are written backwards!

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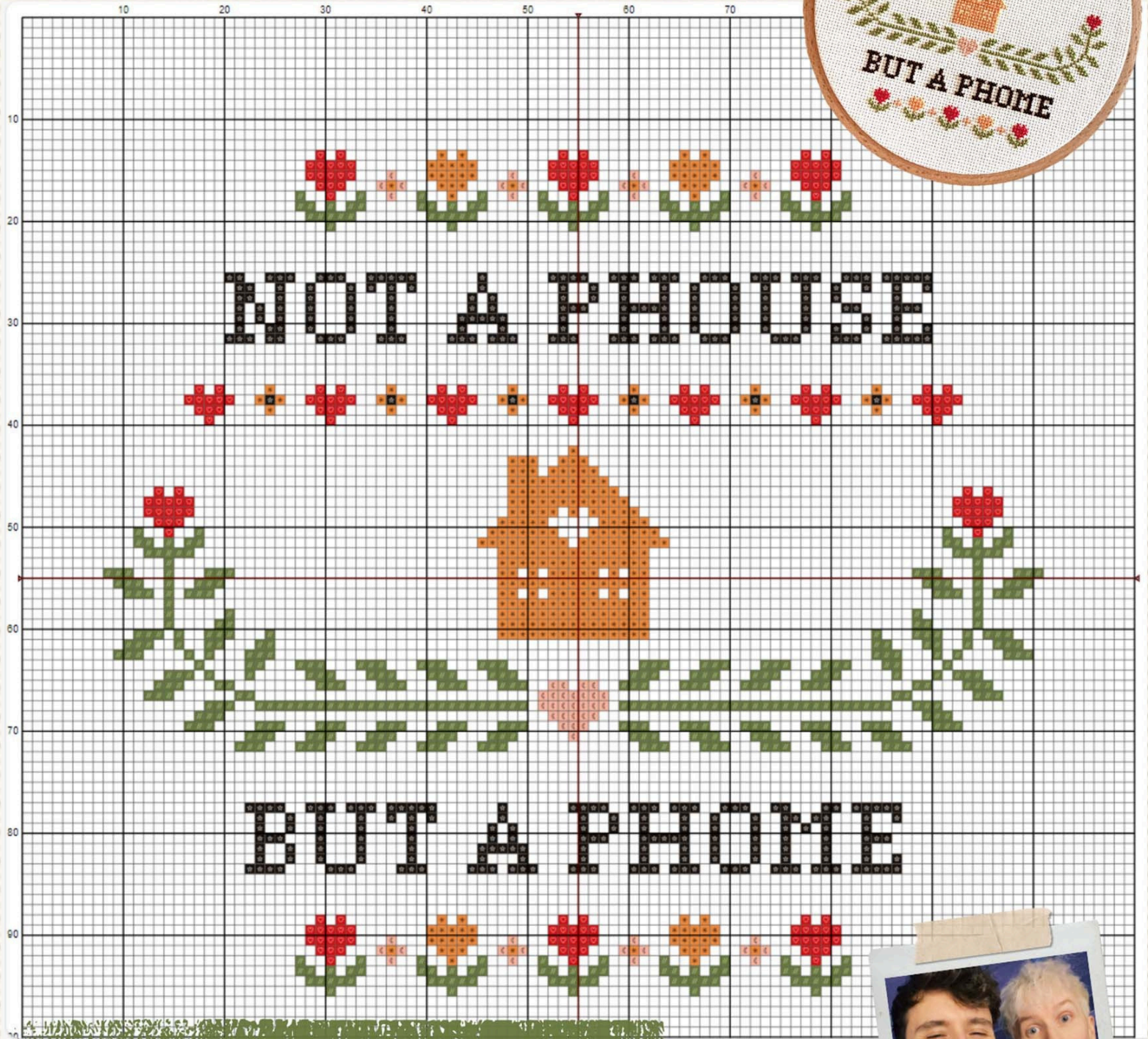
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Has Italy Addressed Fascism?

By Matilde @hotitaliantwink

The answer to the question posed in the title is simple and straightforward: no, Italy hasn't addressed fascism. And that is why so many Italians still feel like, in this day and age, it's fine to be fascist out in the open.

If you're Italian, you probably have heard phrases like “quando c'era lui i treni arrivavano in orario” (“when Mussolini was in charge, trains were on time) or “ha fatto anche cose buone” (“he has also done good stuff”), and these sentences would just be some ignorant remarks made by uncultured and nostalgic people, right? Well, that's what us Italians like to think: we like to think that those are just words and they have no consequences, but they're not just words and they do have consequences.

I would like to tell you about my own upbringing as a little girl whose parents happened to be divorced.

My mother was fairly apolitical, she didn't really care about politics or stuff like that (although she does now!), but my father on the other end is what we call a “nostalgic,” or someone who likes Mussolini and actually thinks fascism would do some good to Italy. So those are the beliefs he instilled in me: when I would study the fascist period, he would say that Mussolini was a good politician despite some stuff he did, that he reclaimed lands etc., and I listened to him and actually believed those things.



So seven year old me was fascist, without even knowing it.

I truly, wholeheartedly believed what my father told me, because I was young and my dad was my hero, so of course he couldn't be wrong, right? When I grew up and formed an opinion of my own, I understood that he was not only wrong, but that I also needed to decondition my brain from what he had been telling me all of my childhood.

That's how common fascism truly is, as common as pasta or meatballs, but that's because in Italy, fascism is not considered bad, just the less scary cousin of Nazism.

The Good-Nazism, the one that didn't cause all those deaths.

Italy has not addressed fascism, we haven't come face to face with its consequences. There was no big trial, and a lot of fascists were forgiven by the government and even formed their own political party.

Every Italian has had some kind of experience with fascism, either because of our grandparents' stories about the war and Mussolini or because we've met a fascist.

In theory, being a fascist is prohibited by our constitution, but practically nobody really cares, so we have meetings of nostalgics doing "saluto romano" (the Nazi salute) and chanting in honor of fascists who died in the past; we have a fascist prime minister and fascist young politicians.



A while ago, an Italian independent online newspaper called Fanpage did an investigation on “Gioventù Nazionale,” the youth party of Fratelli D’Italia and during the investigation it was revealed that fascism was very common inside that organization.

Was something done about that? No, absolutely not. Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni denied the very obvious proof, and everything was swept under the carpet. We have become so very good at ignoring and going on, so good that we forgot how to act.

Most of the time our families protect fascists and the younger liberal members of the family are told to shut up and to say nothing about their racist and homophobic remarks.

Fascism is a tumor, a cancer that Italy has decided not to remove, but to feed and let it grow and grow until it becomes impossible to get rid of it completely. Today more than ever, it pollutes the arteries of our country, infecting both the younger and the older populations.

So, no, Italy hasn’t addressed fascism, it never did and its roots grow deeper than one could think.

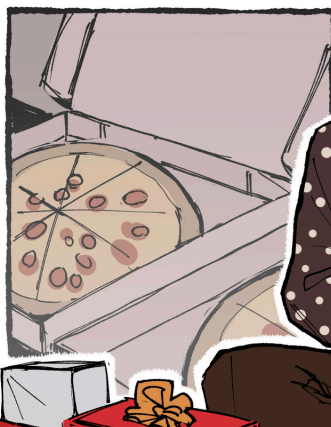
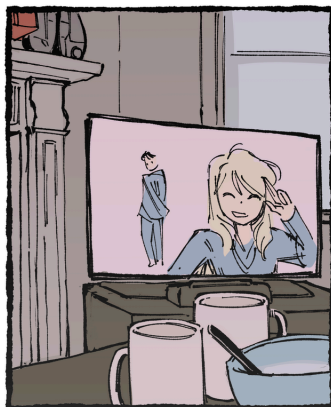
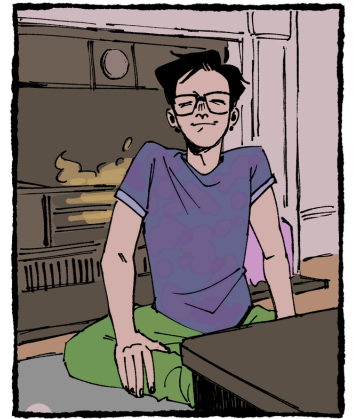
To expel the sickness from your body, which if you’re Italian, has been infected in a way or another, is not easy: to expel is to decondition your thought patterns and change what you have been taught.



Changing what you have been taught also means unlearning and distancing yourself from those beliefs and sometimes that includes telling your uncle to shut up or arguing with your dad about politics.

I don't really think Italy will ever address fascism, nor do I think it will be taken more seriously, or at least not in the near future, but I still feel hopeful for my country because younger generations recognise the dangers of fascism, and I really truly think we can make a difference and remove the tumor that is fascism.





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The Secret to an Instant Festive Feeling by Mavi

Every year, Dan and Phil fans from all over the world get in the festive mood by watching one video: “A Festive Day in the Life of Dan and Phil.” Uploaded on December 19th, 2014, this festive season it turned ten years old, but it feels like nothing has changed. Playing it feels like the only thing necessary to feel excited about the holidays. It is one of the most cherished “Day in the Life” videos, and it has accumulated almost 10 million views since it was posted to the AmazingPhil channel.



It starts with a wholesome scene: Dan and Phil, still sleepy-eyed, have breakfast together, mentioning their habit of waiting for each other to wake up so they can have breakfast together and watch an anime. Phil mentions he’s having Shreddies cereal, a throwback to their first ever day-in-the-life video. After breakfast, they warm up by the fire and open their advent calendars. Afterward, they put on their Christmas jumpers and embark on a festive quest through London to find a board game called Tokaido.

Once they’re on the underground, they reminisce on Dan’s inopportune moments in there, like when he got his head stuck on the tube doors and when he fell down the escalator. When they find the game they keep walking around London, and they include a clip of two subscribers they meet (every time I watch it I wonder where they are now, and I hope they still watch Dan and Phil). Also, Dan singing “Defying Gravity” almost exactly ten years before the “Wicked” movie comes out feels like a full circle moment. Later on, they get mulled wine, and once the sky is darker and all the Christmas lights are on, Dan declares he’s starting to feel the Christmas energy.

Once they’re back home, they sing “Too Many Stairs” (a song that is always stuck to my head), smell their neighbor’s wreath, and get to putting up their tree. They make various references to their 2010 video “THE TREE”, and finish it off perfectly by setting their tree lights to “Rave Time.” With their house decorated and having had dinner, they get to wrapping their presents. We get to see how differently they wrap their presents, with Dan’s thought-out process and neat technique being directly opposite to Phil’s messy and endearing wrapping skills. After, we get to see Dan playing “Ingenue” (which brings back the nostalgic feeling of playing it on loop to fall asleep), they film a Sims video, and then they say goodbye.

Every time I watch this emblematic video, I get surprised at how many iconic fandom moments are scattered across its 20-minute duration. When the calendar turns and December starts, I know I have this video waiting for me to get into the festive mood. And although I have hoped for an updated version, I know that nothing could ever replace it, for the feeling that it evokes is something rooted in its ability to always make me feel safe, like I’m back in 2016 watching it for the first time again, and that emotion can never be matched.



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We hope everyone has a meaningful and comfortable winter, and we hope to see you all again for our one-year anniversary Spring edition soon!

